



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held November 18, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

“After recent community meetings during which Los Angeles City’s proposed Venice Pumping Plant Dual Force Main project has been discussed, it is quite apparent that the residents of the Marina del Rey community feel they were not adequately informed in a timely manner about the project and did not, therefore, have any opportunity to provide meaningful public comment on the City’s Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) before the public comment period closed. This is particularly troublesome, given the City’s preferred alignment for the proposed dual force main along Via Marina, a major perimeter road of Marina del Rey.

“Additionally troubling is that there are other feasible alternatives about which the City has, at various times, presented conflicting information. At one time we were advised there was another cheaper and easier alternative, but now that alternative is being described as more expensive. Equally problematic is that, although we haven’t been provided with numbers, we believe another preferred alternative will inconvenience Los Angeles City residents, but a far lesser number than the numbers of Marina residents, restaurant patrons, hotel guests and business owners who will be inconvenienced by the City’s proposed alignment along Via Marina. It is particularly disconcerting given that these other alternatives just happen to be within the City’s boundaries, whereas the City’s preferred alternative is within the County’s unincorporated area of Marina del Rey.

“I also am very much concerned about the logistical problems and schedule impacts on our Marina redevelopment projects if the force main is allowed to be constructed underneath Via Marina. In this regard, it appears as if the City’s scheduled construction is precisely when we anticipate several of our Marina projects will break ground.

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“Given the shifting information and the potential negative impact on our Marina del Rey redevelopment projects, as well as that our Marina stakeholders were not able to provide meaningful input on the project, I believe current circumstances dictate that the County should oppose the current City-preferred project alignment along Via Marina. At a minimum, the public comment period on the Final EIR should be reopened and extended.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in opposition to Los Angeles City's preferred Via Marina alignment in connection with its proposed Venice Pumping Plant Dual Force Main project; and
2. Directed the Chief Executive Officer, with the assistance of County Counsel and the Acting Director of Beaches and Harbors, to prepare and transmit a letter of opposition to Los Angeles City's Public Works Board in advance of its upcoming November 19, 2008 meeting, as well as to the Mayor's Office and the City Council.

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